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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware of the fact that in the case of a stipendiary, he is started on Rs. 75 as against Rs. 100 for the new entrant who comes direct and, that by this he loses Rs. 1,500 during five years of compulsory service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As a matter of fact, it is under those conditions that these teachers take the benefit of stipends. If they do not want them, they can incur their own expenses and then claim them back.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Cannot Government just liberalise this to the extent of what a Government stipendiary gets, namely, starting with Rs. 100?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is the district board authorities that have to consider this and take a decision. I do not think we can interfere in this.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is it not more correct to say that these stipendiaries are started with three annual increments of Rs. 5 each, i.e., on Rs. 100 whereas their substantive pay would have been only Rs. 85 ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. Where the trainees take the advantage of stipend offered by the district board, they do not get this increment.

Department of Archæology

* 160 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to establish a State Department of Archaeology;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to conduct a survey of ancient monuments in the State;

(*c*) the stage at which the proposed State legislation for preservation of historical monuments and objects in the State stands at present; and

(*d*) the measures instituted or proposed to be instituted to prevent export of works of art and sculpture from the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. Sanction has been accorded to the employment for a period of six months of a full-time Special Officer to conduct the survey. The question of appointing a suitable officer with a flair for South Indian History, Archæology and Epigraphy is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Necessary action for undertaking legislation will be taken soon after the Special Officer completes the survey and submits his report.

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(*d*) The Collectors of all districts have been asked to issue instructions to the Village Officers to see that the sculptures, icons and other antiquities are not removed from where they are and to report to the Tahsildar and the Revenue Divisional Officer concerned any attempts made for such removal.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), will the Hon. Minister tell us whether any model Bill has been received from the Central Government for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As legislation on the lines of the recently passed Central legislation with regard to national monuments and objects has been passed by other State Governments, will this Government also do likewise and bring in such a legislation in our State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why, I said, a Special Officer has been appointed. As soon as his report is received, we will consider it.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know when the Special Officer was appointed, and has he not submitted his report still?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know exactly when he was appointed. I think it was some time in January. His report is shortly due.

Interim relief to teachers

* 161 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received recently by the Government from the Madras Teachers Guild regarding the need for grant of an interim relief to teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It was decided that no action was necessary pending receipt of the recommendations of the Pay Commission.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know when exactly we can get the Report of the Pay Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I am unable to say when "exactly" we would get it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Can the teachers get relief at least within two or three months?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not able to indicate any time-limit.